

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1247

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the officers and members of BURNT upon the celebration of the organization's 20th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life of the good citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, BURNT, initially known as Bring Urban Recycling to Nashville Today, is one such organization that serves the Middle Tennessee community, and it will celebrate its 20th anniversary in December of 2008; and

WHEREAS, this noteworthy organization was formed in 1988 to stop the \$300 million expansion of the downtown Nashville Thermal Plant, which would have included a solid waste processor on Rolling Mills Hill; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, BURNT, a volunteer, non-profit citizens' group which improves the environment through citizen involvement with government, business, and academia, has continued to work for an environmentally sound solid waste policy for Metropolitan Nashville and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the environmental work of BURNT has stimulated the value of commercial real estate in downtown Nashville, the riverfront area, the Metro Center, and Cockrill Bend; it has stopped the expansion or shut down chronic polluters such as the downtown Thermal Plant and the Rendering Plant; and

WHEREAS, BURNT has regularly provided a written record of research based analysis on issues and policy to the General Assembly and various other state agencies and government decision makers; and

WHEREAS, BURNT worked with this body to protect the rights of local governments to regulate pesticide use, helped institute best management practices for pesticide use throughout

all Metropolitan Nashville government agencies, and developed safer mosquito control policies;
and

WHEREAS, BURNT has educated both policy makers and citizens on the dangers of low level chemicals that pervade our environment; these enter our water, air, and food by many common means, including through the use of human and industrial waste as a fertilizer; and

WHEREAS, BURNT has worked on several important environmental justice issues in collaboration with many noteworthy groups, including the Nashville and Dickson County branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); in 2006, a BURNT member received the Through the Storm Award at the NAACP Tennessee State Conference; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body pause in its deliberations to commend BURNT for its many years of honorable service to the good people of Tennessee and its unswerving commitment to excellence; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the officers and members of BURNT on the occasion of the organization's 20th anniversary, reflecting with deep appreciation on their numerous contributions to the community and the advancement of our society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish them much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared with this final clause omitted from such copy.